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Correspondent to the Biggest Stories of Our Times

EVENT PREVIEW: MARCH 23

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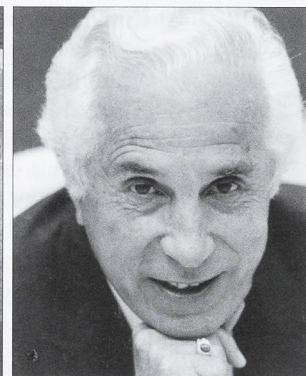
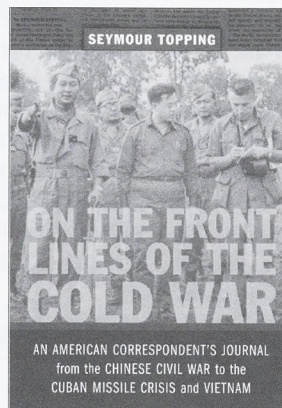
To say that Seymour Topping has been an eyewitness to the major news events of the 20th century would be a vast understatement. He has virtually reported or edited the greatest stories of our time. His new book *On the Front Lines of the Cold War: An American Correspondent's Journal From the Chinese Civil War to the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam* [Louisiana State University Press, March 2010] picks up the story of the stories that he reported.

At the close of World War II, Topping — who had served as an infantry officer in the Pacific — reported for the International News Service from Beijing and Mao's Yenan stronghold, before joining the Associated Press in Nanking, Chiang Kai-Shek's capital. He covered the Chinese Civil War for the next three years, often interviewing Nationalist and Communist commanders in combat zones. Topping was captured by Communist guerillas and tramped for days over battlefields to reach the People's Liberation Army as it advanced on Nanking. Topping was the sole correspondent on the battlefield during the decisive Battle Huai-Hai, which sealed Mao's victory and later he scored a world-wide exclusive as the first journalist to report the fall of the capital.

In 1950, Topping opened the AP Saigon bureau, becoming the first American correspondent in Vietnam. In 1951, John F. Kennedy, then a con-

gressman on a fact-finding visit to Saigon, sought out Topping for a briefing when told he was the most knowledgeable correspondent.

Assignments in London and West Berlin were followed by Moscow and Hong Kong for *The New York Times*. During those years Topping reported on the Chinese intervention in the Korean conflict, Mao's Cultural Revolution, Mao's ideological split with Nikita Khrushchev, the French Indo-China War, America's Vietnam War and the genocides in



Seymour Topping

Cambodia and Indonesia. There's more... He stood in the Kremlin with vodka-tilting

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A Journalist Tell-All at the OPC Tchotchke Party

EVENT PREVIEW: MARCH 3

by Sonya K. Fry

Have you never heard of the word Tchotchke? What does it mean? Why is the OPC involved? Tchotchke is the Yiddish word for inexpensive, showy trinket and we all know that foreign correspondents collected many such baubles from exotic places during their storied careers. More important than the item, however, is the story that goes with it. What is the deal with that lump of coal displayed on a bookshelf? Could it be a gift from the officer in charge of the coal mine in eastern Europe during the height of the Cold War? Why did a reporter drag it all the way back to New York?

You can tell that the inspiration for

this program was fueled by cocktails. After a Board meeting the members retired to the bar and spontaneously told stories of crazy but beloved pieces of stuff that they had collected. It was clear that everyone had a tchotchke and a story so why not have a program. The party in New York City on Wednesday, March 3 will be held in the penthouse apartment of board member **Minky Worden** and her husband **Gordon Crovitz** in lower Manhattan (55 Liberty Street — corner of Nassau Street, just east of Broadway) starting at 7 p.m. Dust off that precious souvenir from a far-away place that you picked up on assignment and bring it



Tchotchke: "I picked up this ceramic elephant while on assignment in..."

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Calling All "Japan Hands" for Reunion

EVENT PREVIEW: MARCH 18

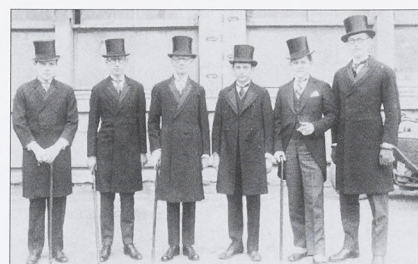
The OPC is organizing a reunion of correspondents who have served in Tokyo at some point in their careers. It will be held March 18 at 6 p.m. at Club Quarters in Manhattan. "The Club has organized reunions of 'old China hands' and former Moscow correspondents, but never former Tokyo correspondents, so this is a first," says **Bill Holstein**, OPC Board Member who has helped coordinate the event.

A steering committee for the event includes **Al Kaff**, United Press correspondent in Tokyo, 1952-1956, and UPI, 1963-1972. The People columnist is also a former president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. Joining

him are **Richard Pyle**, Associated Press, Asia News Editor, Tokyo, 1979-1987, and life member of the FCCJ, and **Calvin Sims**, *The New York Times*, Tokyo correspondent, 1999-2001. The FCCJ wrote a message of congratulations for the reunion.

The OPC's steering committee has identified more than 150 former Japan hands all over the world. They include top editors and authors at many publications. "The number and quality of correspondents who served in Tokyo is exceptional," says Holstein. "Many used the post to rise to senior levels in their organizations."

The reunion is partly underwritten by Itochu International Inc., which also supports the OPC Awards Dinner. As a result, reunion attendees will enjoy an open bar



Daredevil correspondents in 1920s Tokyo crashing the Emperor's garden party in rented coats.

and buffet dinner for \$60 a person.

At the event, attendees will hear presentations from correspondents representing each decade, starting with **John Rich**, who arrived in Tokyo in 1946. Only correspondents who served in Japan are invited to the event, plus a guest of their choosing. To RSVP, call 212-626-9220 or e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org.

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Khrushchev on the night the Cuban Missile Crisis ended and interviewed Fidel Castro in Havana on its aftermath.

Topping was with *The New York Times* for thirty years as chief correspondent in Moscow and Southeast Asia, foreign editor and managing editor. He has written several books and novels on his experiences in Asia including *Journey Between Two Chinas*, *The Peking Letter: A Novel of the Chinese Civil War* and *Fatal Crossroads: A Novel of Vietnam 1945*. After retiring from the Times in 1993 he served as administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes and a professor of international journalism at Columbia University. Topping has been an active member of the OPC since 1956.

With Bill Holstein as interlocutor, Topping will speak on his vast career and extraordinary experiences on Tuesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. at Club Quarters. The book will be for sale and signing by the author. You can RSVP online, call 212-626-9220 or e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org.

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with you. We want to hear the story about the greatest tchotchke you picked up from abroad. This is the foreign correspondent's version of a poetry slam or the grown-up version of show-and-tell.

We also want you to invite colleagues and friends to come share their stories and ultimately to join the OPC. Come to the party, bring your stuff, your stories and a potential member or two — sounds like great fun!

If you live too far away to attend, send your story with an electronic picture (if that is possible) and we will compile the stories and put them on the website. Journalists have demand jobs, but they have a little fun also. Send stories and RSVP by calling the OPC 212-626-9220 or e-mail sonya@opcofamerica.org.

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PEOPLE... with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Bill

Holstein, president

of the OPC Foundation, invited **Jerry Guo** to meet this year's winners at the scholarship award luncheon and speak to them about his experiences since he won the Foundation's 2008 Reuters Scholarship. Holstein asked Guo, "Snuck into any dictatorships lately?" Guo, now a *Newsweek* correspondent, replied on January 23: "Hi Bill, funny that you mentioned dictatorships. I just crossed the border from Sierra Leone into Guinea today (one of three military juntas in Africa I believe). Anyway having a blast working as a correspondent for *Newsweek* — however, I'm based out of SF usually so I'm actually not in NY at that time. Would have loved to help since the scholarship really launched my writing."

OPC SENIORS: George Bookman turned 95 last December 22. "I celebrated with a family party at the Yale Club. I joined the OPC in 1958, when I was an economics writer for *Time* in New York. I have served on the OPC Board and have been on the Admissions Committee forever (mainly as chairman) and on the Freedom of the Press Committee. Also belong to the New York Financial Writers, Deadline Club (ex-president), Sigma Delta Chi and Silurians. I used to act in the Financial Follies but decided some years ago not to inflict that on audiences any more." Bookman was a reporter and editor at *Time*, *Life*, *Fortune*, *The Washington Post* and *U.S. News and World Report*. Later he was a PR executive for the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Botanical Garden and corporate clients.

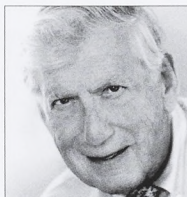
Roy Rowan, former Time-Life correspondent in Asia, OPC president 1998 to 2000 and founder of an OPC Foundation Scholarship in his name, marked his 90th birthday on February 1. "I never felt better. Still walking a mile or two each day, still working out with weights and riding

the stationary bike in the morning. Still writing books and magazine articles. Still cooking breakfast, lunch and dinner for Helen (and why not? She prepared the meals for fifty years), and still counting on Universal Pictures making a movie out of *Chasing the Dragon*, my memoir of Mao's revolution. Leonardo de Caprio has been offered the part of the "Roy character," as Universal refers to me. Most of all, now looking forward to the coming decade and a 100th birthday party. All OPC members are invited."

Helen Thomas, 89, celebrated 50 years as a White House correspondent at a cocktail party in Washington January 26. Guests included politicians she has covered and reporters she's worked alongside. "She's my hero," said Congresswoman Barbara Lee, a Democrat from California and co-host of the party. "She's shattered so many glass ceilings for so many women." Thomas said. "I didn't feel like I was Mother Teresa in any way, but I did resent the discrimination against women. And I fought against that...it wasn't a one-person operation. I was very lucky to be with a lot of women who felt the same way."

On "60 Minutes" January 31, **Andy Rooney**, who turned 91 on January 14, described the death and destruction of the Haiti earthquake. Rooney said that from childhood he knew about the power of earthquakes. His father was on a business trip to Japan and drinking tea in Tokyo's new Imperial Hotel at 11:58 a.m. on September 1, 1923 when the Great Kanto Earthquake struck, killing more than 100,000 people, demolishing thousands of structures in Tokyo and starting fires throughout the city. The Imperial escaped serious damage. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright had designed the hotel to withstand earthquakes. Rooney's father returned home with photos he had taken of Tokyo in ruins.

KILLINGS: Jorge Ochoa Martinez, editor and owner of two Mexican publica-



Roy Rowan

tions *El Sol de la Costa* and *El Oportuna*, was fatally shot in the face January 29 when he left a party for a local politician in the town of Ayutia de los Libres, Mexico. The unknown assailant fired several bullets from a .38 calibre weapon into Martinez, 55.

A student was killed and nine police officers injured in Merida, Venezuela January 25 during protests against the government's order to cable networks to stop broadcasting RCTV Internacional which they did on January 24. RCTV opposes Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Demonstrations against the RCTV suspension were broken up by police using tear gas.

Police found the remains of **Jose Luis Romero**, crime reporter for Radio Linea Directa, in a black bag on a highway near Los Mochis, Mexico January 16. Bullet wounds were found in his head and shoulder, and his hands and legs were broken. Romero had been abducted at gunpoint from a restaurant December 30. The chief investigator into the kidnapping was murdered a few hours later. Romero was the second Mexican journalist killed this year. At least 11 journalists were killed in Mexico last year "in an unrelenting spree of assassinations targeting reporters who cover drug trafficking and crime," the International Press Institute said in a statement from its Vienna headquarters.



Jose Luis Romero

VIOLENCE: Dimitar Varbanov, 23, a journalist with Bulgaria's bTV, met with a construction entrepreneur for an interview February 10. Varbanov planned to ask the entrepreneur about reports that his construction company failed to deliver new flats after they were paid for. The construction executive replied by hitting the reporter on the head with a hammer. The reporter was taken to a hospital and his assailant was arrested.

Unknown assailants threw Molotov

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cocktails on the head office of Bulgarian TV SKAT in Burgas on February 2 and on its Varna office the next day.

Angel Adrián Palomino Ramos, a district mayor in Peru, burst into a booth of Radio La Achirina during a live broadcast January 14, insulted and struck broadcaster **Henry Lovera** in the chest and face, and damaged his microphone. Lovera had broadcast reports that the mayor used public money to buy artwork for one of his private businesses.

At least nine persons were injured January 4 when police and security forces fired at the offices of the Yemen daily newspaper *Al-Ayyami*, which was suspended from publication last May but continued to publish on-line until September. The shots were fired to disperse journalists and supporters who were conducting a sit-in at the newspaper's compound.

Armando Suarez Martinez, editor of the Mexican magazine *Puerto Viejo*, filed a complaint with the attorney general in January charging that he was abducted, beaten and threatened with burial alive by the mayor of Baja California Sur, Mexico, and his assistants. Martinez was released, but his assailants seized 300 copies of his magazine to prevent distribution.

JAILINGS: A Turkish court sentenced **Ozan Kilinc**, editor of the Kurdish newspaper *Azadiya Welat* (Independent Homeland), to 21 years in prison for publishing material sympathetic to the outlawed PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party). On February 11, BBC News reported, "Judges deemed its references to the PKK to be giving support to a terrorist movement." The newspaper described the jailed PKK leader as the "leader of the Kurdish people" and failed to describe Turkish soldiers killed in battle as "martyrs." The paper has been shut down five times.

Ezedeen Mohammed, editor of *Hekima*, Ethiopia's largest Islamic weekly, was sentenced to one year in prison January 29 for criticizing comments about religious affairs made by Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. The editor made the remarks last year in an interview with Britain's *Guardian*. He asked the judge to allow him to pay a fine instead of going to prison. **David Dodge**, director of the International Press Institute, said in a statement, "We call on the Ethiopian government to release Ezedeen Mohammed,

who has committed no crime other than to express views contrary to those of the government."

Ngwe Soe Lin was sentenced by a Burmese military court to 13 years in prison for working illegally for a foreign news organization, his lawyer reported on January 29. The journalist, who worked for the Norway-based *Democratic Voice of Burma*, was arrested in June 2009 as he left a Rangoon Internet café. Most foreign journalists are banned in Burma. In December, freelance journalist **Hla Hla Win** was jailed for 20 years on similar charges brought against Lin after a military court found she had provided video for the *Democratic Voice of Burma*.

In Yemen, **Moaz Al-Ashihabi**, a journalist with *Al Thaqafieh*, was sentenced on January 17 to one year in prison for writing an article that "infringes on the Islamic faith." One day earlier, **Anisa Othman** of the weekly *Al-Wasat* newspaper was sentenced to three months for writing an article judged offensive to Yemen's president. Both journalists were banned from writing for one year.

Alejandro Carrascal Carrasco, director of the weekly *Nor Oriente* in Bagua, Peru, was sentenced to one year in prison January 12 for "aggravated defamation." His attorney said the charges stemmed from a series of articles the director wrote in 2005 alleging corruption in a local public educational institute. But local journalists said the sentence reflected the paper's coverage last year of clashes between security forces and Amazon Indians who were fighting against oil and mining projects on their native lands.

In a letter to President Alan Barcia Perez of Peru, **Larry Martz** and **Jeremy Main**, co-chairmen of the Freedom of the Press Committee, protested the violence against **Henry Lovera** (see violence) and the jailing of Carrasco, writing: "Attacks of any kind against journalists for doing their work must not be tolerated."

BAGHDAD: **Ibrahim Jassam**, an Iraqi freelance photographer who worked for Reuters, has been released after 17 months in U.S. military custody, Reuters reported February 10, Jassam was taken

into custody in September 2008 during a raid on his home by Iraqi and U.S. forces. Three months later, Iraq's Central Criminal Court ruled that there was insufficient evidence to hold him. But U.S. military said it was not bound by the ruling as intelligence reports indicated Jassam was a security risk. Reuters said its request for more information on the evidence was denied because it was classified.

BAYSIDE, Texas: After 50 years in the business, **Joe Galloway**, a former OPC member, wrote "30" to his wire service, magazine and newspaper career in January. In his final syndicated column for the McClatchy Newspapers, Galloway, 68, wrote, "Oh, I will still write an occasional op-ed piece when the bastards in Washington, D.C., blast across the line into moron territory, and there's always another book waiting to be written." Galloway never attended college, but he lectured to cadets at West Point and other military schools. And he never stopped educating himself. When he worked on UPI's Asia desk in Tokyo, Galloway always was reading a book when not writing a dispatch.

At age 18, Galloway went straight from high school to reporting on the daily *Victoria Advocate* in his native Texas. Before he could legally drink or vote, Galloway was UPI's state bureau chief in Kansas, and his friends and mentors included former President Harry Truman and former Kansas Governor Alf Landon, who was defeated for president by Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936.

In 1964 at age 24, Galloway was sent to Vietnam where his reporting on the first major battle involving U.S. troops became the basis for *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*, a 1992 book Galloway co-wrote with his friend retired U.S. Army Lieutenant General **Harold G. Moore**. Their book was on *The New York Times* best-seller list for 18 weeks and was made into a 2002 Hollywood movie. Galloway also wrote *Triumph Without Victory: The History of the Persian Gulf War* and *We Are Soldiers Still*. For UPI, Joe reported from Vietnam, Laos, Japan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, East Timor, Afghanistan and the Soviet Union. Then he spent nearly 20 years at



Joe Galloway



Alejandro Carrascal Carrasco

U.S. News & World Report, Knight Ridder Newspapers and the McClatchy Newspapers. Galloway won a Bronze Star in November 1965 for valor for rescuing wounded soldiers under fire in the Ia Drang Valley, the battle he wrote about in his book.

In his farewell column, Galloway named many of his friends who were killed in Vietnam, commenting, "You grew up fast covering the infantry at war in the jungles and mountain highlands and broad rice paddies of Vietnam... [many of my] friends were killed covering the war. We mourn their loss even now." Galloway, who is working on two more books and still lecturing, told "People" that he quit newspaper work because it "was easiest way to rid my life of one more deadline and some stress as well."

LOS ANGELES: Tracy Wood, who covered the Vietnam War for UPI, hopes that research will enable interviews to be transcribed automatically from mouth to computer. She wrote in a *Los Angeles Times* op-ed published February 7, "As a variety of experts explained to me last week, both voice and handwriting recognition software share a similar challenge: They just can't match the human brain, and the variety of human brains... And, although a lot of research is being conducted, scientists still 'don't know how human brains are really doing it' [quoting Abeer Alwan, a UCLA electrical engineering professor]."

NEW YORK: Nicolas B. Tatro, a former AP correspondent in the Middle East, was named the wire service's New York City news editor February 8. Tatro joined AP 39 years ago and started his international career in Cairo. He was named bureau chief in Iran in 1979 but was expelled by the new Islamic revolutionary government. In 1980, he became chief Mideast correspondent based in Beirut, and in 1983 was appointed chief of bureau in Israel. Tatro covered the Israeli invasion and war in Lebanon, outbreak of the Palestinian uprising, landing of U.S. troops in Somalia, the Oslo peace process and the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Since 1999, Tatro has been AP's deputy international editor.

OPC member **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN's chief international correspondent,

commented on TV and print news when she was interviewed by **Edward Lewine** for the February 14 *New York Times Magazine*. Pet peeve about TV News? "When bosses believe the American people are too stupid or too uninterested to focus on substance and therefore pander to sensationalism." Pet peeve about print news? "The ink gets on my fingers and all over my clothes." The worst recent crime against journalism: "Over the past several years, murder has been the leading cause of death among journalists around the world. People are literally killing the messenger."

CPI reported mid-February that 71 journalists around the world were killed in 2009, the highest number in the 30 years the organization has kept tally.

New datelines in the *Bulletin's* "People" column illustrates the growing danger of international reporting. **Sonya K. Fry**, OPC executive director, commented, "When I came to the OPC over 15 years ago I used to read **Al Kaff's** 'People' with great interest. The datelines were exotic and the news exciting, but in the last two issues of the *Bulletin* the sad fact is that datelines have given way to super-titles: Killings, Violence, Jailed. It really is disheartening and a sad commentary on the profession of journalism."

After CBS News laid off dozens of employees, **Sean McManus**, president of CBS News and Sports, told *The New York Times*, "We're doing what every other media company in the world has done. Periodically, we make adjustments to our work force. It's a necessity based on what is happen-

ing across the media landscape."



Christiane Amanpour at her home in New York, standing before her favorite item: "A massive painting that I got in Iran ... it gives me joy every time I walk in my door."

Before she became a columnist for the *New York Post*, **Cindy Adams** was a correspondent in Southeast Asia who befriended Indonesian President Sukarno. In 1965 she co-wrote an English-language autobiography of Sukarno and another book about him two years later. This January, Cindy flew to Gstaad, Switzerland to attend a party celebrating the 70th birthday of Dewi Sukarno, a former hostess in a Tokyo nightclub for foreign VIPs who at 19 left Japan to become the third of Sukarno's nine wives. Cindy is Godmother of Karina Sukarno, who arranged the party and is the late president's daughter by Dewi. Years ago in Tokyo for an interview, this correspondent invited Dewi to dinner at a restaurant of her choice. Big mistake! She selected what must have been the most expensive restaurant in Tokyo, Maxim's, a branch of Maxim's of Paris. And she was 30 minutes late to dinner.

PARIS: The new executive editor of *Le Monde* is **Sylvie Kauffmann**, the first woman to head that newspaper in its 65-year history. She replaced **Alain Frachon**. Joining *Le Monde* in 1988, Kauffmann, 55, is a former deputy editor of *Le Monde* and most recently a Southeast Asia corre-

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World Press Photo of the Year 2009: The international jury of the 53rd annual World Press Photo Contest selected a photo by the Italian photographer **Pietro Masturzo** as the World Press Photo of the Year 2009. The picture depicts women shouting in protest from a rooftop in Tehran on 24 June. The winning photograph is part of a story depicting the nights following the contested presidential elections in Iran, when people shouted their dissent from roofs and balconies after daytime protests in the streets.

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spondent for the paper. Of her new appointment, she told *The New York Times*, "It's a very exciting job, but it's also sobering, considering the terrible difficulties of the printed press." For *Le Monde*, Kauffmann covered the fall of the Berlin Wall before postings to Washington and New York from 1993 to 2001. She started her career with Agence France-Presse as a correspondent in Paris, London, Warsaw and Moscow.

PORT-au-PRINCE: Catherine Bremer, Reuters senior correspondent for Mexico and Central America, described how journalists worked and lived in Haiti after the earthquake: "Tents, satellite receivers, laptops and cables cram the garden of a partly collapsed hotel in Haiti where journalists frantically type, shout into satphones, curse when the generator cuts out and run to the poolside each time an aftershock hits. Hundreds of reporters, photographers and TV crews descended on Haiti after the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed up to 200,000 people in the Western Hemisphere's poorest state.

"Many wear the same filthy clothes every day, rinse their underwear during a daily three-minute splash in a shared bathroom and sleep well away from walls because of constant aftershocks. Using the cracked hotel's basement toilets is nerve-racking. In downtown Port-au-Prince, another damaged hotel sheltering foreign media has no running water, so journalists lather up in the swimming pool in their underwear.

Others camp out on the runway at the airport, where they can get better Internet connections with big satellite dishes. They live on crackers, peanut butter or army rations, use putrid toilets and get little sleep as military planes thunder about and trucks offload boxes of food. 'The pool has been a boon for us, we've all been washing in it. Every morning we stand around and do our ablutions — they just stick a load of chlorine in it each day to clean it,' said Sky News correspondent **Robert Nisbet** at the Oloffson hotel.

"Everyone works until they collapse, but they chug beer too — and French journalists conjure up red wine — to wind down from the day's grim scenes. Haitians pester journalists for water, food and face masks, or offer their services as fixers and drivers. Reporters pay

inflated prices, knowing how badly the money is needed."

SAN GABRIEL, California: Dodi and Murray Fromson invited old Southeast Asia hands for a banquet in this Chinese-Vietnamese community February 14 to celebrate the simultaneous Vietnam Tet, China's New Year of the Tiger and Valentine's Day. Dodi is an Asian antique dealer and Murray is a former AP and CBS News correspondent in Asia and former director and now professor emeritus at the University of Southern California's School of Journalism.

Attending were **Peter Arnett**, **Ray and Annie Herndon**, **Nik Wheeler** and wife **Pamela Bellwood Wheeler**, **Rose Marie Tuohy** (widow of **Bill Tuohy**), **George Lewis**, **Cecilia Alvear** and **Judy Muller**.

TEL AVIV: Jared Malsin, an American who is editor of the English section of the Palestinian Ma'an News Agency, was deported from Israel January 20 on several charges and flown to New York. Malsin was detained at Ben Gurion International Airport on January 12 after he and his girlfriend landed from a holiday in the Czech Republic. His girlfriend, **Faith Rowold**, a Lutheran Church volunteer in Israel, also was deported. Malsin and Rowold were interrogated for eight hours at the airport. Ma'an sources said Israeli authorities accused Malsin of entering Israel illegally, refusing to cooperate, lying to border officials, exploiting his Jewishness to get into Israel and writing articles from Palestinian territories criticizing Israel.

WASHINGTON: CBS News correspondent **Kimberly Dozier** returned to Baghdad this past December for the first time since she was wounded in 2006 by a car bomb that killed two of her colleagues, a U.S. Army captain and their Iraqi trans-



Kimberly Dozier

lator and wounded four soldiers. After months of therapy and rehabilitation, Kimberly recovered from her shrapnel wounds. In a January article in *The Washington Post*, she described her reaction to an eight-day trip to Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq with Admiral Mike

Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and other journalists. She wrote:

"By the time I got to Baghdad, the most painful issue left to be examined had nothing to do with my injuries. It was this: why many people can't accept that I want to return to what I used to do, and why I, like so many survivors of combat injuries, often trigger a reaction of pity tinged with wariness, instead of respect. That's a slog I'm still on, together with some amazing survivors, both military and civilian, trying to get back to doing what we love. This one short trip gave me hope that it can be done."

Dozier, who wants to return to foreign reporting but now is based in Washington, is the author of *Breathing the Fire* to be published this spring in paperback.

PEOPLE REMEMBERED

Jane Jarvis, 94, a Jazz pianist who performed at the OPC and played organ for the New York Mets, died January 25 at the Lillian Booth Actors' Home in Englewood, New Jersey. Jarvis performed at the jazz programs that were held in the old OPC clubhouse near Bryant Park. For eight years, she played the organ at the Milwaukee Braves games and then for the Mets at Shea Stadium from 1964 to 1979. From her mid 60s into her 90s, Jarvis worked as a pianist mostly in New York City, where she was a fixture at Zinno in the West Village. She also had a day job at Muzak Corporation, starting as a clerk in 1963 and working up to vice president in charge of programming and recording. She moved into the Actor's Home in 2008 after a crane collapse destroyed the New York City building adjacent to her East Side apartment building. She was an OPC member until her health declined recently.



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Ernst Cramer spent six weeks in the Buchenwald concentration camp after the 1938 *Kristallnacht* pogrom (sacking of Jewish shops) in Germany. The following year he was one of the last German Jews to emigrate to the United States. The Nazis killed his parents and brother in 1942. In 1944, Cramer returned to Germany as a U.S. soldier. He was deputy editor of a Munich newspaper for

U.S. military forces from 1948 to 1954, worked for United Press until 1958 and then was hired by Axel Springer Publishers where he became editor of the daily *Die Welt*, publisher of the weekly *Welt am Sonntag* and for nearly 20 years a member Springer's executive board. In retirement, he continued to write on U.S. and Israeli issues for the Springer newspapers. Cramer, 96, died January 19 in Berlin following a heart attack. German President Horst Koehler said, "We're grateful he found his home again in our country. He was a tireless defender of freedom and democracy."



Harold Faber, 90, whose assignment as a Korean War correspondent was cut short by a wound and an air crash, died January 7 at his home in Salisbury, Connecticut. *The New York Times* sent Faber to Korea in July 1950, the month after the war started. On September 19, 1950, he was shot in his left leg by machine gun fire near the Nakdong River. The wound was not serious. But 24 days later he lost most of his right leg in the crash of an Air Force plane returning to Japan from South Korea after crossing into North Korea. The day he was released from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 1951, Faber married **Doris Greenberg**, a *Times* reporter who had sat next to him in the newsroom before the Korean War. She survives. Faber graduated from New York's City College, where he was the *Times* campus reporter. In 1940, he was hired by the *Times*, served in the Army from 1942 to 1946 and then returned to the *Times*, working as daily assignment editor on the national news desk before retiring in 1997.



Lillian O'Connell, former UPI international editor who died January 12 at age 86, served with the U.S. Marines in World War II, stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina. After the war, through the GI Bill, she attended the University of Missouri School of Journalism, graduating in 1949. O'Connell rarely spoke about her military experiences, but she opposed the Vietnam War.

She and her husband, **Thomas O'Connell**, a fellow student at Missouri, were active in sports car rally events on Long

Jackson, Veteran Reporter and OPC Member by Al Kaff

Ed Jackson, 85, a veteran correspondent and longtime OPC member and Club officer, died of cancer February 5 in New York City, where he lived. Jackson joined United Press in 1947 and reported from London and Rome, where he was bureau chief. In 1957, he joined *Time* in New York City and over the next 29 years served as the magazine's foreign news desk editor, Rome bureau chief, deputy chief of correspondents, editor of international editions and Washington news editor. From 1980 to 1981, he was managing editor of the *Washington Star*, a newspaper owned by *Time* and now defunct.



While Rome bureau chief in the 1960s, Jackson coordinated *Time*'s coverage of the Second Vatican Council, the death of Pope John XXIII, the election of Paul VI and Paul VI's unprecedented visit to Israel. In the early 1970s, he headed the team that developed editions of *Time* geared specifically to readers in Europe, Asia, and Australia. After retiring from *Time* in 1986, Jackson served five years as editor-in-chief of *World Press Review*, a monthly digest of reports published by newspapers outside the United States.

At the OPC, Jackson was a vice-president, a member of the board of governors and chair of the scholarship committee. At the Correspondents Fund, he was a trustee, vice-president, and secretary. In his later years, Jackson endowed journalism scholarships at Washington and Lee University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of California at Berkeley.

Island in the 1960s, once racing in their own Porsche automobiles. They later divorced, and her companion of many years, **Knut Wiborg-Jenssen**, a former UPI correspondent in Europe and North America, preceded her in death.

New Books: (Continued From Page 8)

That is how Odyssey Books & Guides describes Mongolia in its book *Mongolia: Nomad Empire of Eternal Blue Sky* by veteran foreign correspondent **Carl Robinson**. A nation of only 3 million people, Mongolia's population is far outnumbered by its domesticated horses, goats, sheep, cattle and camels. Before he visited Mongolia and wrote this book, Robinson said he knew little about Mongolia. He wrote, "Sure, I knew about Genghis Kahn and the Mongol Empire, the Gobi Desert and dinosaurs, and that Mongolia was the first Soviet satellite state."

But he learned: "Mongolia is a truly amazing place in its magnificent natural environment, mesmerizing solitude and ever hospitable inhabitants and their animals. Here, life is whittled down to its bare essentials, dominated by a languid – and totally comfortable – spirituality based on Nature itself. Mongolia is the ideal destination for crashed-out financiers,

getting over a divorce or sorting out a midlife crisis."

The book includes 250 color photos taken by the author, 14 maps and chapters on Mongolia's history, people, geology, nature, roads, traditional medicine, Shamanism, cuisine, entertainment and sports. Robinson provides information on travel companies that arrange trips to Mongolia.

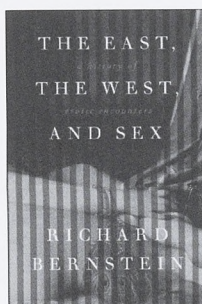
Born in the United States, Robinson first went to Asia in 1963 as a university student in Hong Kong. He spent nearly a dozen years in Vietnam, first as an aid worker and then as an AP correspondent. He moved to Australia in 1977 and worked for AP and *Newsweek*, opened a Vietnamese restaurant in Sydney, was media manager for the 2000 Sydney Olympics and production adviser for the film "The Quiet American," based on **Graham Greene's** Indochina War novel. Robinson is the principal organizer of this April's reunion in Saigon and Phnom Penh of correspondents who covered wars in Vietnam and Cambodia.

— by Al Kaff

New Books

GLOBAL

“FOR GUSTAVE FLAUBERT and Richard Burton, the pursuit of pleasure in the Orient was the very pungency of the experience of traveling there; it was a savoring of the messy splendor of desire.” So writes **Richard Bernstein** in *The East, the West, and Sex: A History of Erotic Encounters* [New York, Knopf]. Bernstein, a former *Time* and *New York Times* correspondent in Asia and Europe and now a columnist for the *International Herald Tribune*, adds, “They did what they were invited to, and such is also the case with the many thousands of lesser-known men who have done likewise, whether like David Ochterlony [British resident in Delhi in 1803 who reportedly took 13 Indian women as his wives] in the refined quarters of a Delhi reception room, or, like so many others, within the tawdry precincts of the whorehouse.” Bernstein recounts the sexual adventures of government officials, soldiers and businessmen as they founded and developed colonies in India, Indochina, China, Indonesia and the Philippines. He writes, “It is difficult...to find a colonized territory that was not to some degree colonized sexually as well as militarily and commercially, not as a matter of official policy or intention but as a function of the way the world works.” The book is illustrated with several explicit pictures and some not so explicit from old Asia.



Bernstein is the author of six previous books ranging from his views of the French people gathered when he was *The Times* Paris bureau chief.

AFRICA

PAUL HARRIS COVERED THE war in Sierra Leone in 2000, and his first novel is based on that conflict and what came later. Harris is the U.S. correspondent for the British Sunday newspaper *The Observer*, and a former correspondent in Africa for the *Daily Telegraph*, AP and Reuters. In Harris' novel, *The Secret Keeper* [New York: Dutton], British journalist Danny Kellerman is sent to Sierra Leone in 2000 to cover its political upheaval and civil war. There he falls in love with Maria Tirado, an American woman who runs an orphanage. They become lovers, but when the crisis worsens he is forced to return to London, leaving her behind. Four years later, Danny with a new girlfriend receives a letter from Maria, pleading for him to return

to Sierra Leone because she is in trouble and needs his help. He does a Google search and discovers that Maria was murdered before her letter reached him. Authorities say she was killed in a roadside robbery, but Danny has his doubts. Despite objections of his girlfriend and family, he goes back to Sierra Leone, where he finds former rebel leaders in high government offices and corruption running rampant. His questions about Maria lands him in trouble, and he learns that Maria may not have been the woman he thought she was.

Gail Pruszkowski, a Philadelphia book reviewer, wrote in *Ezine Articles.com*, “This is a book that succeeds on multiple levels, a complex tale of political intrigue, a story of moral dilemmas, bittersweet romance and the journey of a man who must come to terms with the truth.”

ASIA

REMOTE AND LANDLOCKED, sprawling across the top of Asia between China and Russia, Mongolia is a country of grassy steppes, snow-capped mountains and some of the most colorful and hospitable people on earth.

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Coming Up...

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March 3

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